



NEW RADNOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

RADNORSHIRE

JOINT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND OF THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1968

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

(including Parish they represent)

AND

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Surveyor and Public Health Inspector	-	L. Allen, M.A.P.H.I.

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To the Chairman and Members of the New Radnor Rural District Council,

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 1968 together with the Report of your Public Health Inspector.

I would like to thank Mr. Allen for his help and co-operation during the year.

Richard H. Jobson, M.B., Ch.B.,  
Medical Officer of Health.

1. STATISTICS OF THE ATEA

Area (in acres)	51,892
Estimated population	2,010
Number of houses	660
Rateable Value	£34,940
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£132

2. VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	Male	Female
(a) Live Births (legitimate)	32	14	18
" " (illigitimate)	1	-	1
	33	14	19
Still births (legitimate)	1	1	-

(b) Infant Mortality

(i)	Death of infants under 1 year	- NIL
(ii)	" " " " 4 weeks	- NIL
(iii)	" " " " 1 week	- NIL

(c) Causes of deaths

	Total	Male	Female
B 19 (1) Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	2	2	-
B 19 (2) " " - Lung, Bronchus	2	2	-
B 19 (3) " " - Breast	2	-	2
B 19 (6) Other Malignant Neoplasm, etc	2	-	2
B 27 Hypertensive Disease	2	1	1
B 28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	2	2	-
B 29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	4	2	2
B 30 Cerebrovascular Disease	4	3	1
B 32 Pneumonia	1	-	1
B 46 (5) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	-	1
B 46 (7) Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	1	-
B 46 (8) Other Diseases, Genito - Urinary System	1	-	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	24	13	11

3. INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The district has remained comparatively free from infectious and other diseases during the year under review.

4. TUBERCULOSIS

The County Medical Officer deals with all aspects of this disease.

5. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

The County Council is the responsible Authority for the execution of this Act.

Laboratory Facilities - These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford and the Public Analyst's Laboratory at Carmarthen.



To the Chairman and Members of New Radnor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my part of this Joint Annual report for the year 1968.

There are 15 parishes in the New Radnor Rural District. The most urbanised parish is New Radnor itself, the township having a population of over 230. In addition there is a school (a new and larger school is proposed), two hotels (both showing increasing trade and considering extensions), a bakery and at least two new shops opening up. This township could increase in size as a residential area but this prospect is stifled due to the lack of an adequate sewerage and sewage disposal system.

Having in recent months listened to various discussions as to what form celebrations for this Prince of Wales Investiture Year should take and hearing the possible cost of expenditure involved, the thought keeps recurring that the final approval to this proposed sewage disposal scheme for New Radnor by the Welsh Office would be a fitting occasion, and show a worth while expenditure during the ensuing years, which I am sure would be received without criticism.

L. Allen, M.A.P.H.I.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

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#### WATER SUPPLIES

Quality - Whilst the chlorinated schemes installed in New Radnor and District, and Llandegley have been satisfactory, the Franksbridge supply has still given cause for concern, especially during times of heavy rainfall, when source of supply has been adversely affected.

The piped supply at Evenjobb yields very hard water, and has resulted in furring up of hot water systems. This was particularly evident at one Council house where hot water boiler cracked (apparently due to lime deposits forming on bottom of boiler). The flow and return pipe were also nearly choked up, and this could have led to far more serious consequences.

The public well at Newchurch is totally unsatisfactory, as it is subject to periodic flooding during heavy rainfall, the existing spring well being virtually at river level.

Below are the results of bacteriological sampling of water supplies in the districts:-

SUPPLY	TREATMENT	NO. OF SAMPLES		
		taken	satisfactory	unsatisfactory
New Radnor & district	Filtration & chlorination	4	4	-
Franksbridge	"	3	3	-
Llandegley	"	1	1	-
Others	NIL	4	2	2

Quantity - Whilst the comprehensive schemes installed have provided an adequate supply of water (except during infrequent breakdowns) other parts of the district have suffered from an inadequate supply, viz:- Kinnerton and The Bank, Newchurch and Glascwm, Weythel and Trewern areas.





## DRAINAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

New Radnor - Frequent nuisances do occur in the ditches around New Radnor and the ground itself is becoming "Sewage sick" through the adverse effects of over 60 septic tanks discharging effluent into the ground.

Nuisances that do occur cause great annoyance to householders themselves and to their neighbours. Indeed it is not unusual to see overflows from tanks discharging on to the public highways owing to delays in obtaining the services of a contractor to empty these tanks. Such conditions are surely bound to affect the health of the inhabitants of the township.

The Council already own the land for the proposed new sewage treatment works and are in the process of purchasing the access ground. At the present time they only have a right of way over this ground.

There is no doubt that with the advent of the sewage treatment works, there would be more development in New Radnor and existing properties now not able to modernise could be improved.

Llandegley - The small sewage treatment unit operated satisfactorily during the year, and samples taken were satisfactory.

Evenjobb - After consultations with the Wye River Authority, the discharge pipe from this small disposal unit into nearby stream was disconnected, and a new soakaway installed on spare ground to deal with this effluent.

Gladestry - Difficulties were experienced with soakaway dealing with effluent in this area, and this would be further aggravated with the installation of hot water supplies in four of the 6 Council houses being drained. The Council agreed to take 2 of these Council houses off this drainage system and drain them separately into a new settlement tank/soakaway.

## REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

The collection of household refuse continues to be carried out by contract and disposal is by means of controlled tipping on three separate refuse tips.

A twice monthly collection was made during the months of May to September inclusive, the remainder of the year being only a monthly collection. This was an improvement on last year's collection, but not good enough. Once again a recommendation will be made to the Council to make a twice monthly collection throughout the whole of the year, as the existing frequency of collection is lagging noticeably behind that of neighbouring authorities.

More soil has been obtained for cover of refuse tips, and no complaints were received in respect of same. Three workmen are employed part-time to look after the three refuse tips.

## HOUSING

Further improvements have been carried out to dwellings in the area.

Unfit dwellings - Three dwellings were scheduled as being unfit for human habitation and undertakings were received in respect of same.

Housing Survey - Below is a revised list showing standard of fitness of houses in the district:-

No. of houses	Categories		
	1 & 2	3	4 & 5
660	349	246	65





## HOUSING CONTINUED:-

Private Building - The erection of 4 new houses was completed during the year. There were 2 houses under construction at the end of the year.

Council houses - Detailed plans and quantities are being drawn up for submission to the Welsh Office, along with tenders, for the four-three bedroom houses to be erected at Old Radnor. This scheme includes for a new sewage treatment plant capable of treating sewage for up to 16 dwellings.

Improvement Grants - Below are figures comparing the number of grants approved with those for previous years:-

### Discretionary

Year	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
No. of applications approved	3	1	2	2	2
Amount of grant approved	£918	£260	£800	£735	£800

### Standard

Year	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
No. of applications received	1	8	4	9	10*

\*This figure includes 4 Council houses.

The Council intend improving another 6 of their houses and application for grant has already been made in respect of same. This will only leave 3 council houses to be improved to the five point standard.

## CARAVAN SITES

There are four holiday caravan sites in the area each with siting space for twelve caravans.

## RODENT CONTROL

The Council continue to make free poison bait available for treatment to domestic premises. Farm premises carry out treatments directly themselves or through private operators by contract.

## FOOD PREMISES & FOOD INSPECTION

Food Premises - These premises are summarised as follows:-

Butchers Shop	-	1
Bakery	-	1
Grocery Stores	-	7
Public Houses	-	8
School Canteens	-	6
TOTAL		23

### Food & Drugs Act 1955 Section 16

No. of premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream	-	11
No. of premises registered for the preparation and sale of sausages	-	1
TOTAL		12

These premises are visited on an average twice a year either directly or in conjunction with visits for other purposes.



FOOD PREMISES & FOOD INSPECTION CONTINUED:-

Meat Inspection - There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the district. The meat transport van bringing meat to the butchers shop is satisfactory.

Milk Supply - All premises in the district are occupied by producer/wholesalers and come under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Food Hygiene (Markets Stalls & Delivery vehicles) Regulations 1966

Mobile food vans - Inspections of vans operating in the area have been made, but to date these have been found to be satisfactory.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS

Premises	No. on register	No. of inspections
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	4	4
Factories not included above in which section 7 is enforced by L.A.	8	5

Factories Act 1961 - Section 133

Notification has been received of two outworkers who are resident in the district. Both of these premises have been inspected.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

No further applications for registration of premises have been received, and visits to existing premises registered was only made in conjunction with visits for other purposes.

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